



Michigan CSI

(Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative)

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The Michigan CSI consists of customized presentations for kindergarten through eighth-grade students and a community seminar. The program was piloted to over 8,500 students and is recommended by all three pilot district superintendents. The kindergarten through third-grade presentation includes a video of the acclaimed book *Faux Paw's Adventures in the Internet*. The book and seminar material are being presented in cooperation with the Internet Keep Safe Coalition. The primary focus is to emphasize students should: keep safe by not sharing any personal information, keep away from Internet strangers, and keep telling parents or a trusted adult about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

In addition to the keep safe, keep away, and keep telling messages, students in fourth grade and above also learn about common Internet predator grooming techniques and appropriate responses to cyber harassment. Fourth- through eighth-grade students watch a realistic fiction video entitled "Predator" provided compliments of the nonprofit group i-SAFE Inc.

Sixth- through eighth-grade students additionally are cautioned about revealing personal information on social networking sites and watch an i-SAFE Inc. video about a female Internet predator victim. The sixth-grade through eighth-grade students also watch an i-SAFE Inc. video about a male cyber-bullying victim.

All students are provided with age-appropriate handouts and an Online Safety Contract to discuss with parent(s) or guardian(s).

The community seminar provides practical tools, including a PowerPoint handout of slides covered during the seminar, to help adults employ these new skills at home. The seminar provides concrete tools, including a demonstration of how to access the Michigan Sex Offender Registry and sign up for e-mail updates. The seminar also demonstrates how to access online tutorials to:

- search and access a child's social networking site(s) (i.e., MySpace and Facebook);
- view Internet history logs to determine where a child has been online; and
- turn on safe surfing filters.

The program's impact is remarkable.

All handouts and more information are available on the Attorney General's website (www.michigan.gov/ag). Michigan CSI is offered in cooperation with Comcast. Our expertise is offered free of charge, and we look forward to working together to keep Michigan's children safe.

Thank you for your interest in the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative.